

CONCLUDING THE G. O. P. REFORM

National Committee Trying to Re-unite Party by Eliminating Discordant Features.

RE-APPORTIONMENT

Recognition of State Primary Laws—Arbitrary Power to Seat Delegates Removed.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The Republican national committee met again today to conclude the reform measures it has undertaken to re-unite the party, to clear its convention machinery of certain features and to reduce representations in national conventions from southern states and congressional districts which are regarded as hopelessly Democratic.

Only two propositions remained to be acted on today and a report from a special sub-committee, headed by National Committeeman Warren of Michigan, offered a solution of each. Under the proposals of the sub-committee the change in representation would give to each state four delegates at large, one from each congressional district and an additional delegate where the Republican vote bears a certain ratio to the total vote. The exact ratio which shall determine when a district shall have an additional delegate had not been agreed on but no serious trouble was expected over that feature.

Modify Party Rules.
The sub-committee presented a unanimous report for a modification of the party's rules, providing for the recognition of state primary laws, the acceptance of the right of a state to choose all or part of its delegates at large to national conventions and agreed that in future conventions delegates presenting certificates from proper state authorities should be placed on the temporary convention roll. The latter feature promises to do away with troubles which have arisen at previous national conventions over contests and deprives the national committee of arbitrary power to seat delegates.

Committee Report.
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"It is resolved, that this committee when it issues the call for the national convention to be held in the year 1916 to nominate candidates for president and vice president, shall provide in such call: (a) that in any state which shall have provided by law, prior to the election of delegates from that state, for the election of such delegates to national conventions of political parties at direct primaries, such delegates from that state shall be elected in conformity with such law. (b) That all delegates from any state may be chosen from the state at large, or part from the state at large and part from congressional districts, in conformity with the laws of the state in which the election occurs. (c) That delegates presenting certificates of election from the canvassing board or officers created or designated by state law to canvass the returns and issue certificates of election to delegates to national convention of political parties, in a primary election, shall be placed on the temporary roll by the national committee."

Re-Appointment Plan.

The Warren committee finally agreed on a plan of re-appointment providing for four delegates at large from each state, one from each congressional district and one additional delegate from each district where the total Republican vote was 35 per cent or more of the total vote cast. No district, however, would have more than two delegates, no matter how large the Republican vote. States having congressmen at large would be entitled to one vote for each. The congressional election of 1912 probably will be used as the basis for determining the exact representation in each state. Territories and the District of Columbia would have two delegates each.

The plan provides also that it shall become effective when it is ratified by states representing a majority of the electoral college. Under the Warren plan, representation in national conventions would be reduced by 70 delegates. The following named states would lose the following number of delegates:

Alabama 6, Florida 2, Georgia 6, Louisiana 7, Mississippi 8, North Carolina 2, Oklahoma 1, South Carolina 2, Tennessee 4, Texas 14, Virginia 1 total loss for the south 62; Illinois 2, Kentucky 1, New Jersey 1, New York 4, total loss for the north 10.

The plan of the sub-committee to recognize primary laws and change rules governing conventions was adopted by the national committee by a unanimous vote.

On a point raised by Committeeman E. B. Howell of Nebraska, submitted a minority report. He concurred in everything except the apportionment scheme and declared that he believed the proposal of the majority would be subversive of the object of the meeting and result in future embarrassments to the Republican party. He contended that the principal purpose of the meeting was to reduce southern representation in Republican national conventions and that he did not believe that the re-apportionment scheme as proposed would remedy the fault. The elimination of only delegates from all the southern states, Mr. Howell asserted, would, in his opinion, be satisfactory to

NEW APPARATUS FOR POLICE SIGNALS



Photograph of new apparatus for police signals, the installation of which is being considered by the authorities of a number of cities. Green flashes from the electric light at the top of the pole telephone stations will signal to men on post to call their precinct station at once. In most cities the station house is unable to communicate with the men on post until they call at their regular intervals.

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INQUIRING INTO CROOKED DEALS

Government Is Investigating Transactions Between Commissary Manager and Contractors at Canal.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Charges of irregular dealings between John Burke, commissary manager for the Panama canal work and contractors who have been furnishing supplies, are being investigated by the government. So far as the investigation has gone, no loss to the government has been revealed and the amount of money involved has not been determined. Broadly the department is investigating to determine whether Burke received commissions from contractors.

Major F. C. Boggs, the general purchasing officer of the Panama canal commission, is conferring with legal officers of the war department and the canal commission regarding the next step to be taken.

It was admitted officially today that for the last six months the inquiry has been in progress, based on charges preferred by Charles R. Walker, a former subordinate of Burke in the commissary department, alleging that his superior officer was demanding and receiving commissions from persons with whom he had placed contracts for food and other supplies for the canal workers. Also, it is alleged that Burke awarded contracts to the Colon Import and Export company, in which he is a stockholder, and that he had profited at least \$50,000 from his operations. His salary was \$4500 a year. Several important contracts were placed in Europe.

Hear of Burke Charges.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Officers of the Panama Railroad company said today that they knew only by hearsay of the charges against John Burke.

"Mr. Burke's accounts were approved by Colonel Eugene L. Wilson, head of the substance department of the Isthmian canal commission," said Sylvester Deming, treasurer of the road. "In due course of routine we received these accounts here for auditing, but had no other relations with Mr. Burke. I don't think, however, that his expenditures have been as much as \$6,000,000."

"Some time ago we heard in a roundabout way that charges had been made against Mr. Burke. We heard nothing further of them."

Burke is about 45 years old and was formerly a resident of Indianapolis.

DEANS OF WOMEN IN CONVENTION

Co-operation With Clubs to Help Solve Woman Undergraduate Problem.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Constituted government of women undergraduates has been in existence longer, is more organized, and is more successful than men organizations, according to statements read at the sixth biennial convention of Deans of Women of State Universities in session here today. Dean Matthews of Wisconsin and Dean Jordan of Michigan were the principal speakers.

Co-operation with women's clubs will be sought, it is said, as a means of meeting the problems of the deans in dealing with the thousands of women undergraduates.

Chaperonage, regulation of dormitories, social life of students, sororities and educational problems are among topics to be discussed. Are men favored in the curriculum plans and do professors pass women on a lower standard than that required of men, are questions to be considered. The conference will close tomorrow.

THE WORLD'S MARKET NEWS
WALL STREET.
New York, Dec. 17.—The market made little progress in either direction during the morning. Reduced production of steel and cut in prices afforded a pretext for speculators of the steel companies. Bears also professed fears that the congestion in the London investment market might react unfavorably here and interfere with attempts to bring out new capital issues. Sentiment was bearish but no heavy selling was attempted and after the market had fallen back from the opening level, renewed strength developed in spots.

Bonds were irregular.
LONDON MARKET.
London, Dec. 17.—British consols registered a new low level record to

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day, when they were quoted at 71 1/8 for cash and 71 7/16 for the account. The decline in the premier security of the London stock exchange is attributed to the ceaseless stream of new issues with attractive yields to which holders of consols are transferring their money.

The immediate cause of today's low record was the announcement of a Grand Trunk Pacific issue within a few days of \$10,000,000 of seven-year five per cent notes at 97.

This brings the total of Canadian issues during the months of November and December to \$97,000,000.

Chicago Livestock.
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 17.—Hogs—Receipts, 48,000; market dull. 5c under yesterday's average. Bulk, \$7.50@7.70; lights, \$7.30@7.60; mixed, \$7.25@7.70; heavy, \$7.40@7.75; rough, \$7.40@7.50; pigs, \$6.25@7.50.

Cattle—Receipts, 30,000; market steady to a shade lower. Beefsteers, \$5.60@5.75; Texas steers, \$5.65@5.75; range cows and heifers, \$5.50@5.75; calves, \$6.25@10.00.

Sheep—Receipts, 7,000; market steady. Yearlings, \$6.00@6.75; wethers, \$4.60@6.00; lambs, \$6.80@7.60.

Kansas City Livestock.
Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 17.—Hogs—Receipts, 14,000; market 5c lower. Bulk, \$7.25@7.60; heavy, \$7.50@7.75; western steers, \$5.80@7.65; stockers

and feeders, \$4.90@7.40; cows and heifers, \$3.30@5.40; calves, \$7.50@11. Christmas yearlings, \$9.85@10.25.

South Omaha Livestock.
South Omaha, Dec. 17.—Hogs—Receipts, 11,500; market lower. Heavy, \$7.45@7.60; lights, \$7.10@7.50; pigs, \$6.25@7.00; bulk of sales, \$7.50@7.65.

Cattle—Receipts, 2,000; market steady. Native steers, \$6.00@9.50; cows and heifers, \$5.85@7.85; western steers, \$6.00@8.00; Texas steers, \$5.65@7.10; range cows and heifers, \$5.50@7.25; calves, \$6.25@10.00.

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